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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit 3634

: PATENT APPLICATION

Examiner D. Purol

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In re application of

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JOHN RUPEL ET AL.

: LIGHT CONTROL WINDOW
COVERING AND METHOD OF

Serial No. 08/979,438

: MAKING SAME

Filed November 26, 1997

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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW THE
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

April 29, 1999

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

The Notice of Abandonment of April 22, 1999 for the above-identified patent application has been received. The Notice states that a proper response to the Office Letter of September 21, 1998 has not been received. A proper response (election) was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office on October 19, 1998, as evidenced by the mailing certificate in the lower left-

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hand corner of our response. On March 22, 1999 we did a status check of this particular application because we had not received a communication from the Patent and Trademark Office acknowledging receipt of our response of October 19, 1998. Our Legal Assistant, Angie Beyerl, immediately telephoned Examiner David Purol and explained the situation. The conversation resulted in the agreed decision to fax our response of October 19, 1998. Upon receipt of the Notice of Abandonment, Ms. Beyerl immediately telephoned the Examiner only to find that he had not received either the original election or our fax letter.

→ A response to the Office Action of September 21, 1998 was timely mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office. Consequently there was no abandonment.

It is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be reinstated and that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,



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